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Theodore F. Lankford House  
Princess Anne  
private

c. 1875

On May 11, 1875, the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal parsonage property sold to Theodore F. Lankford part of the Main Street land purchased by the church trustees from Sallie E. Dennis in 1867. As the transfer price was recorded at \$100, the lot would have been unimproved at the time of sale. Theodore F. Lankford is listed in the 1877 county atlas patron list as a carpenter and may have been responsible for the construction of his own house. Lankford's estate was settled in 1881, when the property passed back into the hands of the church, only to be sold again a few years later.

Stylistically, the Theodore F. Lankford house is a late example of the gable-front dwellings popularly erected in Princess Anne before the Civil War. Similar to the Joseph B. Brinkley house, the two-bay street elevation is topped by a pedimented gable. With the Lankford house, two bays on the north and south sides are topped by pediments as well. The house follows a modified side hall/double-pile plan with a large percentage of its period woodwork intact.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Theodore F. Lankford House

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 210 South Somerset Avenue \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Princess Anne \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<u>X</u> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<u>X</u> private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Elizabeth Hall

street & number 210 South Somerset Avenue telephone no.: 651-3027

city, town Princess Anne state and zip code Maryland 21853

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber 224

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 534

city, town Princess Anne state MD. 21853

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

#### Theodore F. Lankford House Description

The Theodore F. Lankford house stands at 210 South Somerset Avenue in the southern residential district of Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, side hall/parlor house faces east with the primary gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1875, the two-story, two-bay frame house is supported by a common bond brick foundation and sheathed with plain weatherboards. The medium sloped gable front roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The east elevation is an asymmetrical two-bay elevation with a side four-panel door entrance and an adjacent single-pane sash window. The first floor is covered by a Tuscan columned front porch that wraps around the north and south sides. The south side of the porch is partially enclosed. Lighting the second floor are two evenly spaced single-pane sash windows, and each window is flanked by louvered shutters. The gable front pediment is sheathed with fishscale shingles.

The north side of the house is an uneven elevation with a projecting two-story gabled bay located west of center. The bay window on both floors is lighted by single pane sash windows, while the gabled pediment is covered with fishscale shingles. A six-over-six sash window fills the wall space to the right (west) of the bay.

The south side of the house is a similar elevation with a projecting two-story bay as well. The finish features follow in the same manner as the north facade. The back of the house is partially covered by a shed roofed kitchen.

The interior has not been altered significantly and retains a period stair along with post and lintel mantels. The stair has a scroll decorated stringer, tapered round balusters and a molded handrail.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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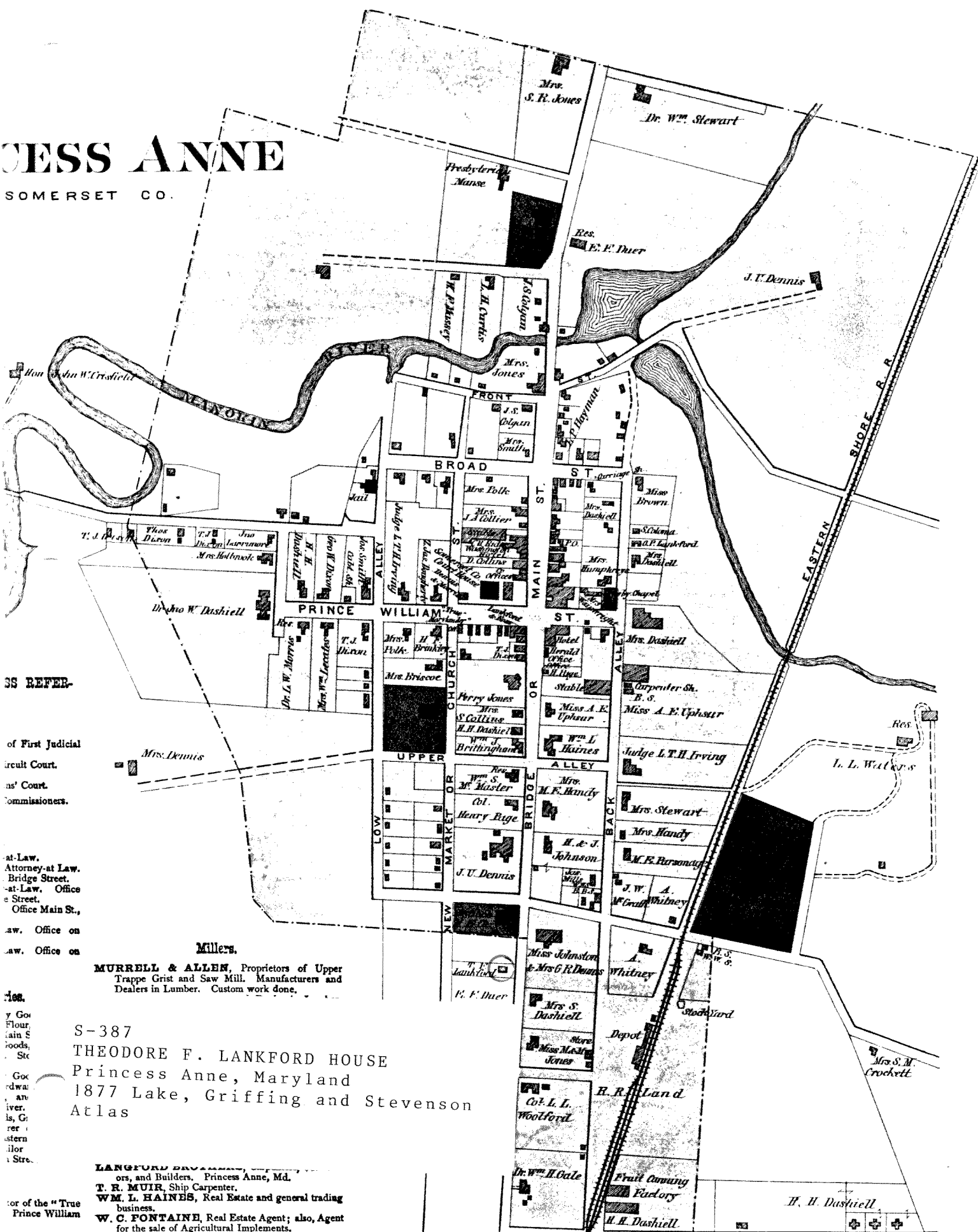
### History and Support

On May 11, 1875, the Trustees of the M. E. Parsonage Property sold to Theodore F. Lankford part of the Main Street land purchased by the church from Sallie E. Dennis (LW 10/420). Theodore F. Lankford is listed in the 1877 county atlas patron list as a carpenter and may have been responsible for the construction of his own house. Lankford's estate was settled in 1881. In 1884, the Antioch Church bought back the house and lot from the estate trustee.



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Princess Anne, Maryland Quadrangle

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